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Milica (8) lives with her grandmother and aunt who sell goods at the farmer's market. They receive social assistance, the father is in prison, and the mother left the family a long time ago and lives somewhere in Italy. Milica has not had any contact with her for the last 7 years. Grandma and aunt worked since childhood and believe that Milica should also contribute to the family's income. When they go to the farmer's market, early in the morning, the girl gets ready for school by herself, which she goes to irregularly. When she comes home from school, she cooks lunch from the ingredients she has in the house. It makes her tired and she is constantly sleepy, and then she often wakes up at night because she has bad dreams. She doesn't have many friends, her friends don't come. The house is slated for demolition; a street will be built on that site. A month ago, grandma told her to start visiting her old neighbor and clean her house and get groceries, which grandma charges from the neighbor. Milica is getting more and more tired, she has visibly lost weight, but she must not tell her grandmother that all her work is difficult because she will get angry, and her aunt is on her grandmother's side. Grandma threatens her that social service will come again and that this time they will really take her away from home if she does not contribute. Father's friend from prison came and said he knew where her mother was, he offered to take Milica to Italy, especially since she is such a beautiful and hardworking girl.

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Mihajlo (14) often helped his father in the auto mechanic workshop together with other workers, but since his father fell ill (serious heart problems) he started working there every day, from early morning to late afternoon. He misses his mother; she died when he was little boy. Father now only supervises; Mihajlo has to work more because there is no money to hire new workers. He does not get to go to school and is not sure when and if he will be able to return to classes. The father says it doesn't matter; he is definitely waiting to take over the workshop. Because of work, he is not able to hang out with his friends. His back hurts from being bent over the hood all the time, and his hands hurt from heavy tools and car parts.

Beriša (10) spends time on the street; his parents collect secondary raw materials, which is why they came to the big city. They have no other income and cannot receive social assistance. The family gathers only in the evening, and sometimes the parents come late at night. His four brothers and sisters are younger than him; they are looked after by neighbors or grandmother who occasionally comes to visit them. Beriša often wanders away from the neighborhood where he lives with his friends. They recently started washing car windshields at a busy intersection, and they get along well and make friends. However, some people told them that it was occupied territory and that they were now working for them. They take almost all of their earnings, and in return they give them cigarettes and "guard them". Yesterday, one boy from the group was injured when a large motorcycle ran over his leg. Neither Beriša nor the boys from his group were enrolled in school.